

WESTERN STATES LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to Protection of the Livestock Industry

**WESTERN STATES LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS FOR
THE REGULATION, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY STATUE, OR ITS
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the WESTERN STATES LIVESTOCK INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as “the ASSOCIATION” or “ASSOCIATION.”

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The object and purpose of the Association shall be to encourage and improve methods and procedures in connection with the investigation and enforcement of Local, State and Federal laws and regulations pertaining to Livestock, Agriculture, and Wild Life; to promote practical and coordinated educational programs and training relative thereto; and to foster cooperation between and among all law enforcement and administrative agencies of any government entity or subdivision thereof in meeting the responsibilities of said agencies in effecting the purposes of this Article.

ARITICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Association shall include any peace officer and public officer or his representative, whether employed by United States or Canada, a State, a Province, a County, a Municipality or other governmental subdivision, who is under a duty to administer, investigate or enforce any law or regulation pertaining to

Livestock, Agriculture or Wild Life, provided such person or his representative shall have paid membership dues to the Association. Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate membership shall include any person connected with the livestock industry. They must be sponsored by a member, approved by the President upon a recommendation of the Director of Associate Membership; will be nonvoting, will not attend confidential case discussions and will not receive confidential communications. Associate membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. (Added January 1976)

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Meetings shall be held annually each year at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Other meetings of the Association may be called by the President-or by the Board Directors as needed.

ARTICLE V

QUORUM

At all meetings of the Association one-third (1/3) of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

| The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director at Large and the Past President.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: **PRESIDENT.** The President shall preside as Chairman of the Board of Directors, subject to such supervisory powers, if any, as may be given by the Board of Directors to the Chairman of the Board; the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction, and control of the business and officers of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the Association and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall be ex-officio a member of all the standing committees, and shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of President of an Association or Corporation, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the By-Laws.

Section 2: **VICE PRESIDENT.** In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for him by the Board of Directors or the By-Laws.

Section 3: **SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office or such other place as the Board of Directors may order, a book of minutes of all meetings of Directors and of the Association, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special and if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at Directors' meetings, and the proceedings thereof. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors required by the By-Laws or by law to be given, and he shall keep the seal of the Corporation in safe custody and shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or by the By-Laws.

Section 4: **TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Association, including accounts of its assets, liabilities receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Association with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the Association as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, shall render to the President and Directors, whenever they request it, and accounting of all of his transaction as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Association, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the By-Laws.

Section 5: DIRECTOR AT LARGE. The director at large shall be responsible for learning the duties of the other officers in preparing for ascending through the chairs of the association.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1: At the first meeting of the Association, the President Pro tem shall at the commencement of the meeting appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members of the Association. The nominating committee shall thereupon retire and prepare and present nominations for officers and up to eighteen (18) members of the Board of Directors, as voted on by the general membership. Additional nominations may thereupon be made from the floor, and the officers and members of the Board of Directors shall immediately be elected by vote of the active members present, a majority vote being necessary to elect any officer or member of the Board of Directors. The officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Association who are elected at the first meeting shall hold office until the first meeting in January, 1975, at which time elections shall be held and new officers and directors are elected and commence their terms of office.

Section 2: After the first meeting of the Association, the President shall appoint a nominating committee at the March meeting of each year. This committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Association, whose duty shall be to prepare nominations for the Association's officers and directors, to be presented at the annual meeting when elections will be held. Nominations may also be made from the floor to be voted at that time. The annual meeting can be held on any date during the year at the discretion of the officers and directors of the Association. (Added January 1976)

Section 3: The term of office for the officers and directors will be from the annual meeting election until the election at the next meeting in the following calendar year. (Added January 1976)

ARTICLE IX

VACANCIES

Section 1: In the event a vacancy occurs in the Presidency during the year, the Vice President shall assume the position of President and carry out his duties for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 2: In the event a vacancy occurs during the year in any other office or in the Board of Directors the unexpired term for the same shall be filled by appointment of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association composed of the five (5) officers, immediate past President and up to eighteen (18) directors. (Added January 1976)

Section 2: All members of the Board of Directors shall have equal voting rights.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to organize, foster and carry out the purposes, work and programs of the Association as set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE XI

MEETINGS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President or upon call of four (4) members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: At all Board of Director's meetings, seven (7) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XII

COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint such committees as necessary to carry out the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1: Special meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Association, for any purpose or purposes, shall be called at any time by the President or, if he is absent or unable or refuses to act, by the Vice President or by any four (4) Directors.

Section 2: Written notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be delivered personally to each Director, or sent to each Director by mail or by other form of written communication, charges prepaid, addressed to him at his address as it is shown upon the records of the Association, or if it is not so shown on such records or is not readily ascertainable, at the place in which the meetings of the Directors are regularly held. In case such notice is mailed or telegraphed, it shall be deposited in the United States mail or delivered to the telegraph company in the place in which the principal office of the Association is located at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time of the holding of the meeting. In case such notice is delivered as above provided, it shall be so delivered at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the holding of the meeting. Such mailing, telegraphing, or delivery as above provided shall be due, legal, and personal notice to each Director.

ARTICLE XIV

FORMATION OF REGIONAL OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1: Upon application of members of a particular region or locality, this Association may grant a Charter to such members for the formation and incorporation of a regional or local chapter of this Association to carry out the purposes specified in Article II of the By-Laws of this Association.

Section 2: Such application shall include a copy of the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for said regional or local chapter, which proposed By-Laws and Articles shall conform to and not in conflict with the By-Laws and Articles of this Association. Such application shall be presented to the membership of this Association at the first regular meeting of the Association membership. A two thirds (2/3) vote of the active membership in attendance is required for approval of the application.

ARTICLE XV

AMMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members of the Association in attendance at any regular meeting of the Association, or at any special meeting called for that purpose provided that such proposed amendment shall be plainly stated in the call of any special meeting at which they are to be considered.

ARTICLE XVI

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following order of business for the general business meeting shall be followed unless circumstances make it inconvenient to do so:

- a. Reading of minutes of previous meeting;
- b. Report of Treasurer;
- c. Report of standing committee, if any;
- d. Report of special committees, if any;
- e. Old business;
- f. New business;
- h. Adjournment;

(Amended March 15, 2012 Reno Nevada)